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use to implement the priorities. (See §75.105 Annual priorities.)

- (5) Where to find the regulations that apply to the program.
- (6) The statutory authority for the program.
- (7) The deadlines established under §75.102 (Deadline date for applications.) and 34 CFR 79.8 (How does the Secretary provide States an opportunity to comment on proposed Federal financial assistance?)
- (b) If the Secretary either requires or permits preapplications under a program, an application notice for the program explains how an applicant can get the preapplication form.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3 and 3474)

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CROSS REFERENCE: See 34 CFR 77.1—definitions of "budget period" and "project period."

§75.102 Deadline date for applications.

- (a) The application notice for a program sets a deadline date for the transmittal of applications to the Department.
- (b) If an applicant wants a new grant, the applicant must submit an application in accordance with the requirements in the application notice.
 - (c) [Reserved]
- (d) If the Secretary allows an applicant to submit a paper application, the applicant must show one of the following as proof of mailing by the deadline date:
- (1) A legibly dated U.S. Postal Service postmark.
- (2) A legible mail receipt with the date of mailing stamped by the U.S. Postal Service.
- (3) A dated shipping label, invoice, or receipt from a commercial carrier.
- (4) Any other proof of mailing acceptable to the Secretary.
- (e) If an application is mailed through the U.S. Postal Service, the Secretary does not accept either of the following as proof of mailing:
 - (1) A private metered postmark.

(2) A mail receipt that is not dated by the U.S. Postal Service.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3 and 3474)

NOTE: The U.S. Postal Service does not uniformly provide a dated postmark. Before relying on this method, an applicant should check with its local post office.

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§ 75.103 Deadline date for preapplications.

- (a) If the Secretary invites or requires preapplications under a program, the application notice for the program sets a deadline date for preapplications.
- (b) An applicant shall submit its preapplication in accordance with the procedures for applications in §75.102(b) and (d).

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e-3 and 3474)

§ 75.104 Applicants must meet procedural rules.

- (a) The Secretary may make a grant only to an eligible party that submits an application.
- (b) If a maximum award amount is established in a notice published in the FEDERAL REGISTER, the Secretary may reject without consideration or evaluation any application that proposes a project funding level that exceeds the stated maximum award amount.

(Authority: 20 U.S.C. 1221e–3 and 3474)

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§75.105 Annual priorities.

- (a) What programs are covered by this section? This section applies to any program for which the Secretary establishes priorities for selection of applications in a particular fiscal year.
- (b) How does the Secretary establish annual priorities? (1) The Secretary establishes final annual priorities by publishing the priorities in a notice in the FEDERAL REGISTER, usually in the application notice for that program.
- (2) The Secretary publishes proposed annual priorities for public comment, unless: